



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the Makoshika Capital Improvements project at Makoshika State Park near Glendive. The draft EA was circulated for 30 days and legal notices were published in the Glendive *Ranger Review* as well as Montana's electronic bulletin board.

No objections to the draft EA were received. The only comment received was from the Montana Historical Society, Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO agreed with the EA proposal to inventory project areas and submit that report to SHPO for comment prior to any ground breaking activities. The department has decided therefore, to release the final EA in its original form. Archeological and paleontological inventories will be conducted of the project areas as soon as weather permits and the inventory will be forwarded to SHPO for comment. Following SHPO's comments, work will begin on the Makoshika capital improvements.

Sincerely,

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